MR CHAIRMAN I will suggest one thing. We are going to adjourn for Saturday and Sunday So far as the seating is concerned, under the parameters,

SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI. Then, let us adjourn till Monday.

MR CHAIRMAN· Seating does not make any difference Will you please conclude, Mr Goswami? (*Interruptions*). The discussion on this is concluded. Now, Papers to be laid on Table.

SHRI M S GURUPADASWAMY. Sir, may I say that the Attorney-General has no authority to decide about our political status? Therefore, we are walking out from the House.

(*At this stage, some hon Members left the Chamber*)

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

World Bank Aid to India

*1 SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state·

(a) whether World Bank has been approached to increase aid to India under their scheme to respond positively for such aid to countries hit by the recent Gulf crisis;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what is World Bank's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA). (a) to (c) The World Bank has proposed the following schemes to assist the countries hit by the recent Gulf crisis.

(i) Special emergency assistance, including the resettlement of displaced workers

(ii) strengthening adjustment programmes

(iii) higher cost sharing arrangements to accelerate disbursements

(iv) extension of IDA concessional assistance to a number of lower middle income countries which are currently IBRD borrowers.

In respect of India, the World Bank has agreed to enhance the share of financing of projects as a temporary measure. So far they have agreed for enhanced cost sharing in 61 projects. The total number of World Bank projects is 95 This dispensation would be valid for a period from September 1, 1990 to December 31, 1991 at the prevailing terms and conditions.

Production at Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

*2 SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN·

SHRI V GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the quantum of steel produced by the Vishakhapatnam Steel Plant during the last three years, yearwise,

(b) whether it is a fact that production has come to a halt at this Plant due to lack of supply of raw materials; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken to resume full production at the Plant?